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Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 6:42 PM **To:** MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov

Subject: MLPAComments: Central Coast MPA Package 2

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing as it has come to my attention that spearfishing contests may be permitted in our marine reserves. This is absolutely disastrous. There are plenty of non-reserve locations where these contests can be held; opening up marine reserves to them is like opening up wildlife reserves to poaching.

I urge you to adopt Central Coast MPA Package 2 to prohibit these contests in our marine reserve waters. These waters and their wildlife must be preserved for the enjoyment of all citizens who wish to dive and experience them. Allowing chaotic human activity just for the sake of killing things is immoral and unreasonable in a place that was set aside to preserve from just such activity.

Please adopt Central Coast MPA Package 2. Thank you.

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